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SUBJECT: CITEL: PERMANENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE I: WORKING
GROUP MEETINGS.

REF: CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 02/77-COM/CITEL, 31 MARCH 1977

FOR MR. ROMULO VILLAR FURTADO, CHAIRMAN, COM/CITEL.

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER REQUESTING US TO NOMINATE TWO
EXPERTS, ONE FOR WORKING GROUP ONE (PLANNING) AND THE OTHER
FOR WORKING GROUP TWO (OPERATION AND RATES) OF PERMANENT
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE I.

2. FROM INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH THE CITEL PERMANENT
SECRETARIAT WE UNDERSTAND THE MEETINGS OF WG1 AND WG2
SCHEDULED FOR MEXICO IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1977 MAY BE
CANCELLED. WE ARE PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT YOU HAVE
REQUESTED THE NOMINATIONS OF EXPERTS AT THIS TIME, FOR WE
THINK THIS ACTION DEMONSTRATES A FIRM INTENTION TO PROCEED
WITH THE WORK OF PERMANENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ONE AND WILL
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DO MUCH TO COUNTERACT WHATEVER POSSIBLE ADVERSE IMPACT THE
CANCELLATION OF THE FIRST ROUND OF MEETINGS MIGHT HAVE. YOU
HAVE OUR SUPPORT IN ENSURING THAT THE WORKING GROUP MEETINGS
SCHEDULED FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1977 TAKE PLACE ON
SCHEDULE.

3. WE MET YESTERDAY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MAJOR U.S.

COMMON CARRIERS AND ASKED THEM FOR PROPOSALS ON THE NAMING OF EXPERTS. WE HOPE, AS A RESULT, TO BE ABLE TO SEND YOU OUR NOMINATIONS WITHIN A MONTH.

4. MEANWHILE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION. IN VIEW OF THE MANNER IN WHICH TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES ARE ORGANIZED IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE DIFFERENT COMPANIES OFFERING VOICE OR RECORD SERVICES; AND IN LIGHT OF THE SPECIALIZED NATURE OF THE VARIOUS MATTERS TO BE TREATED, MORE THAN ONE EXPERT MAY BE NEEDED FROM SUBREGION ONE TO COVER SUBJECTS BEING CONSIDERED BY A WORKING GROUP. WOULD THERE BE ANY OBJECTION TO PARTICIPATION BY MORE THAN ONE EXPERT, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM COSTS TO BE BORNE BY CITEL WOULD BE LIMITED TO THE ONE EXPERT PER WORKING GROUP FROM SUBREGION ONE SELECTED BY YOU?

5. I AM AFRAID WE HAVE BEEN REMISS IN NOT INFORMING YOU OF OUR LIAISON OFFICER FOR EACH OF THE WORKING GROUPS, AS CALLED FOR IN RESOLUTION CITEL/RES. 58 (II-75). LIAISON FOR BOTH WORKING GROUPS WILL BE HANDLED BY DEXTER ANDERSON, DEPARTMENT OF STATE (EB/TD), WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520, TELEPHONE 202-632-2723, TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: SECSTATE WASHDC. TELEX NUMBERS: VIA ITT: 440080, ANSWER-BACK: SECSTATE 440080. VIA RCA: 248346, ANSWER-BACK: 248346

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6. I AM PROVIDING THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF CITEL, MR. MARIO PACHAJOA BURBANO, WITH A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE.

WITH BEST WISHES, JOHN J. O'NEILL, JR., DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
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